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## **First Brine Well Authority Planning Meeting Scheduled for July 12**

The first meeting of the Carlsbad Brine Well Remediation Advisory Authority has been scheduled for 1 p.m. July 12, 2017, at the City of Carlsbad Municipal Annex Planning Room (114 S. Halagueno St.), Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway has announced.

As per state legislative act, Mayor Janway serves as chair of the board. Board membership also includes the chair of the Eddy County Board of County Commissioners; the New Mexico Secretary of Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources; the New Mexico Secretary of Environment; the New Mexico Secretary of Transportation; the Manager of the Carlsbad Irrigation District; the State Engineer; and the State Attorney General. All members may appoint designees. The Advisory Authority's role is to recommend policy for and advise the Oil Conservation Division on the remediation of the "South Y" Brine Well.

"The remediation of the 'South Y' Brine well must be the highest priority for officials at every level," said Mayor Janway. "We look forward to working closely with the state toward efficiently developing a resolution."

An agenda of the July 12 meeting is posted on the Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department page at <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/cbwraa/index.html>.

Authority members and advisors held a preliminary meeting on June 29. The purpose of the meeting, Mayor Janway stated, was to ensure continued momentum on the remediation effort. During the preliminary meeting, Authority members discussed the best approach for issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to find a company interested in developing the engineering study for filling the well and to find a company interested in filling the well. Authority members also discussed forming subcommittees related to liability issues, technical issues and financial issues. Finally, Authority members reviewed potential ideas for funding filling the well.

"During the June 29 meeting, we were pleased to hear comments that everyone is tired of kicking this issue down the road and that the time for disagreement is over," Mayor Janway stated. "We look forward to a productive Authority meeting on July 12."